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A VIRGINIA HALL OF FAME. If the suggestions of State Librarian McIlwaine are adopted, Virginia will have ere long a real Hall of Fame waine makes the interesting sugges annex to the library shall be used to enlarge the present portrait gallery,

as a repository for paintings of Vir-

yers, physicians and clergymen of old Virginia, the learned librarian would honors paid by the Commonwealth to makers. We in Virginia, have not orshiped our statesmen and soldiers too much, but we have revered our es of peace too little. Washington, Jefferson, Lee and Jackson should have their monuments, as splendld and eroic as the State can devise. But Maury and Poe, Ritchie and Bagby. honor the author of "Rocked in Cradle of the Deep," surely Virtraits to the author of "The Raven" or

the new hall. If the Legislature portraits, Virginia history is filled with or write by rote. Of the doctors, Bay-Of clergymen, James Waddell, Dr Buchanan and the beloved Dr. Blair Virginia, and Lorenzo Dow, gospeler given space. Similarly, the State had many lawyers worthy of commemoration, Spencer Roane, Bushrod Washington, Peter Vivien Daniel and William. Wirt would not be out of place

Dr. McIlwaine's idea is interesting, suggestive and wise. The Virginia of to-day cannot too greatly honor the Virginia of yesterday.

tate and are truly shocking. In the ars, 1907 and 1908, no less than Alabamians were murdered or renty-eight homicides in a single year BOSTON'S WAR AGAINST THE POLhorribly disproportionate for a State with a smaller population than Virginia. It is more than England, with as Relgium had; six times as many as Scotland had. And there is another feature in the Alabama situation even more discouraging than the gruesome tale of killings. This is the astounding complaisance of the juries, resulting in the virtual abolition of the death penalty. Out of the 657 cases of homscide noted above, just fourteen men were executed.

In this clarming showing, Alabama possibly has the worst record in the United States. But unhappily it is the worst only in degree, and not in kind. The homicide statistics of this country have long been the wonder of the civilized world, amounting to an international scandal. A census bulletin just issued shows that the rate of country reached 6.7 per 100,000 in 1908, practice of city elections. National the highest in our history. In 1907 party issues have nothing at all to do the rate was 6.5; in 1906 it was 5.1; with the election of municipal officers. between 1901 and 1904 it was 2.9. The sole question confronting the tax-Alabama's record in 1907-'8 was about 16 per 100,000, which is double or men who are best qualified to give it triple the average; but the national re- a wise, honest and progressive admincord was startling enough. The scan- istration. dalous lenience of juries toward the slayers is also nation-wide. In a sin- and politicians. This new charter gle year for which percentages were aims to deliver her from the tribe. amounted to 95 per cent. of the cases Aried. In this country in the same year convictions amounted to 1.3 per cent. pr the cases tried. Volumes of com-

ment could not tell more. In Alabama the Attorney-General puts his finger on the spot when he scores "the deadly hip-pocket pistol, the companion of probably over 50 per cent, of our homicides." Nobody who knows anything about it will question his statement that the obnoxious pis-

pistol-snot with the gallows is work those now on the books having proved utterly ineffective. The Times-Dispatch continues to like its own suggestion the best. This is to require a license, not for the carrying of a pistol, but for the buying of one. Charge a fee of, say, \$2 for the license and make it a penal offense for any dealer to sell to a customer who cannot project the official permit. Such a project the official permit to sell to a customer who cannot project the official permit. Such a project the official permit to sell to a customer who cannot project the official permit to sell to a customer who cannot project the official permit to sell to a customer who cannot project the official permit to sell to a customer who cannot project the official permit to sell the correct that the correct the city will be werse than the first.

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Once again a divorce has been granted

It is only among the upper ten that The records show that Mr. Tait is claimed as a resident by the city directories of only Augusta, Beverly, Cinthe whole story and make the whole case in the hearing of the public. He or she obtains no protection for sensiof the law as those of the millionaire become so palpably respecters of per-

one which applies with equal force to all classes. Personal impurity is just the same thing in a duke or in a scullion. The law clearly contemplates publicity in divorce suits, as in others. the applicants. To make it easy and invitation and a welcome. The courts, favored class, not only fall to administer equal justice, but deliberately

distics from the State of Alabama, pay for their eminence. Most of them them loose from it at their demand and through means which are not open Three hundred and equally to all other men and women.

Boston's new charter has many points to command the prompt interest a population of thirty millions, had in of students of municipal government. the year 1908; over half as many as Ger- Perhaps the most sweeping change it bicameral Council to a single Council of nine members, all elected at large. Coincidently with this the Mayor is given enlarged powers and increased responsibilities. He is to be elected for a term of four years, but is subject to recall at the end of two. Another innovation in the new plan is the biotting out of all party lines, so far as paper provisions can possibly accomplish that. Nominations are to be made by petition. Any aspirant who can show the signatures of 5,000 registered voters on his list is entitled to have his name printed on the official pallet. Party emblems or designations of any sort on the ballot are forbidden. of any sort on the ballot are forbidden by law. This step is distinctly in the right direction. It may foreshadow a death by criminal violence in this welcome revolution in the theory and

party issues have nothing at all to do with the election of municipal officers. The sole question confronting the taxpayers is to secure for the city the men who are best qualified to give it a wise, honest and progressive administration.

Boston has had a scourge of politics and politicians. This new charter aims to deliver her from the tribe. Experience only can tell whether it will do so or not. One very evident danger in it is that the nominating system may bring out a veritable horde of candidates, who would divide and possibly defeat the good government cause. The politicians, sleepless in their own interest, may be absolutely relied upon to sit up nights over the new system, studying out the best methods for operating it to their own ends. This is the eternal battle under representative government, most particularly in American cities: this struggle to determine whether the interested or the disinterested, the professionals or the amateurs, shall control the offices and name the offices holders. The one and only practical test of Boston's new plan is the character of the men, who are elected under the office holders. The one and only practical test of Boston's new plan is the character of the men, who are elected under the office holders. figured convictions in Germany Experience only can tell whether it tol-toting habit is directly responsible gle to determine whether the inter-For a large number of those multiply- ested or the disinterested, the profesing murders which have given this sionals or the amateurs, shall control country, and especially the South, a the offices and name the office-holders. most injurious name for lawlessness. The one and only practical test of speak a prints tendency to hold life cheap must be beston's new plan is the character of respending the obscient something. To build up the men who are elected under this Leader.

of juries and answer the murderous The election of a clean and able set of for the local Good Government Association. If, on the other hand, the Boston politicians of the old line

Strikingly enough, the members of

lector Loeb are falling flat, and Secretary MacVeagh is uphoiding him staunchly. Blaming it on Loeb seems to be about played out as a motto.

Senator Aldrich is making conscientious speeches in the West, but he must miss that atmosphere in which Gallinger, Penrose, Smoot and the others so faithfully came across with the crs so faithfully came across with the votes.

Pages Folios.

What do you figure is the result of a college education?"

"The young man learns to yell for the money, and the old man to whistle for it!"

Puck. Senator Aldrich is making conscien-

Is Germany an absolute monarchy? The Kalser can't go up in an aeroplane because his wife won't let him.

The administration seems to have Thoroughly Safe, Is Hobson, arred in not pledging Messrs. Crane and Glavis to secreey in advance.

The University of Copenhagen is 431 years old, which is old enough to know hetter.

In later years New York has had offi-cials willing to underbid that price.

note that the 1909 styles call for sh-sh divorce.

To keep salacious details out of the newspapers is a laudable ambition, but mittee waiting at the car door.

We cannot express our regard for the President more strongly than by an-nouncing our earnest hope that Hon. Bill Skillit returns from Europe in time to present him with one of the incomparable Hannyracker turkeys for Thanksgiving.

HARMONIZING HUSBANDS.

seem perfectly willing to accept it at loved her husband, but her soul re-

Publisher Stend Satisfied, But Not So Minister Wu.

Minister Wil.

W. T. Stead has been talking to the spirit of the late Mr. Gladstone. Wu Tingfang has attended a seance and conversed, good, fillal Chinaman, with the shade of his departed mother. Mr. Stead is satisfied with his conversation; Mr. Wu is not

#### Borrowed Jingles

I only hope I'll have contrived
Before that airy time's serviced,
By struggling with my might and main,
To own myself an aeropiane;
And then, however "iy" they be
I bet they'll not look down on mel
—New York World.

"None So Blind As-" "I am so sorry for Mabel, poor girl."
"What's the matter?"
"I heard her telling George that her fac.
her fortune."—Detroit Free gress.

She: "Why do look so worried? You need not doubt me. My love is as strong as a

True Gallantry. "What is your idea of true galiantry?"
"Well, it seems to me that a man who
will let his whiskers grow to that he will
look pider than his wife has it.—Chicago
Record-Horald.

The Hunter: "Oh, I beg your pardon! I missock you for a deer."

The Native: "No harm done, mister. I reckon I'd a bin safe enough if; ye'd mistock me for a barn door."—Life.

Credit Man: "Do you consider Hobson a careful financial manager?"
Reporter: "Most assuredly! Why, since the Remson board decided that benoats of soda was a harmless preservative he insists on putting some in his pockethook every morning."—Puck.

PERTINENT POINTS.

M R. LA FOLLETTE is altogether wrong when he calls the Speaker a rious animal—the laughing hyena of national legislation.—Louisville Courier-Journal

Woodrow Wilson says he is disgusted with the threadbare policies of the Democrata Others of his party are somewhat weary of its threadbare candidates—St. Paul Dis-

At last the charges against Speaker Can-non are assuming tangibility. He is accused of snoring, and the evidence seems to be without flaw.—Philadelphia Ledger.

More encouragement for the poer man' breakfast table. Coal oil is 5 cents cheaper -Indianapolis News.

York Mayor-Elect No Rest.
Judge William J. Gaynor, Mayorelect of New York, owns a farm on
Long Island. A dispatch says he spent
his first day of rest after the election
by taking a twenty-mile walk on the
roads near his farm, and then donned
overalls and assisted his farm hands
to husk the fall gathering of his corn.
It is chronicled in the same dispatch
that Judge Gaynor will devote the
coming three weeks to hard work on
his place. Ho will build a shelter for

sets in. Presumably his next year's meat supply is contingent on the well-being of his hogs. Every prudent farmer gives diligent thought and attention to his present and future supply of hams and sausage. Every farmer knows that there is nothing in the meat line to compare with the home-cured product. Judge Gaynor, having experienced the delights of a well-filled smokehouse, is minded to take good care of his hogs lest there should some day be a gaping vacancy in the smokehouse and an unanswered want in the household.—Louisville Courior-Journal. Courier-Journal.

Moving Pintforms; an Experiment.

The chief engineer of the New York public service commission proposes that the city construct a subway under Broadway from Fourteenth Street to Forty-second Street, to be equipped with moving platforms for the convenience of that crowded section. If the plan of the engineer is put into operation the country will be given the benefit of an experiment of much value.

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the benefit of an experiment of much value.

Ever since the public used the moving "sidewalk" of the Columbian Exposition and liked it for its novelty, the idea has been entertained that some day the idea might be adapted to meet a larger problem; that in some measure this device would be found to relieve the difficulty of street congestion in our larger cities. The idea has never been put to a thorough test, so far as recalled. The moving platform, of course, could never take the place of street cars, but it might, if properly adapted, become a valuable agency to supplement the cars in the handling of street crowds.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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CLIMAX HAS BEEN REACHED Automobiliats and Highways.

Republicans Blame Her for Cleri cal Policy of Maura Cabinet.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENOY,

UEEN CHRISTINA has during the
past few weeks been the object
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litical questions are allowed to interfere between them.

No one has done more towards relieving the house of Hapsburg of the imputation of reactionary sentiments than Queen Christina while regent of Spain, save, perhaps, her cousin, old Emperor Francis Joseph, who is fighting in both moleties of his dual empire, but more especially in Hungary, for the introduction of universal shifting in the place of the present limited franchise. That is the real source of the differences between himself and the Hungarians, for the latter are aware that if universal suffrage is introduced they will no longer be able to oppress the Croatians and the other Slav races within their borders, who, although in numerical superiority in the kingdom of Hungary, have, as matters now stand, virtually no voice in the government.

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the widowed Mme. von Siemens was
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annulled after two or three years, on the ground that he had already a Persian wife living, and for some time the courts of Germany and Italy were busy with suits brought by the Fersian ex-diplomat—for he had been dismissed from his country's service—to prevent the lady from styling herself Princess Malcolm Khan, which she persisted in doing, on the ground that he had falled to repay to her, in accordance with the terms of the decree of the annulment of their marriage, the large sums of money which she had advanced to him both prior and subsequent to their marriage, the large sums of money which she had advanced to him both prior and subsequent to their marriage, and she still styles herself, became the subject of an immense amount of discussion in the Italian press, and even in the Italian army, it was found that he had bequeathed all his effects and property to the lady in question, whom he named as the executrix of his will, and by whom he had been completely infatuated during the closing years of his life. As chief of the general staff, he had a quantity of the most confidential documents relating to the defenses of Italy, the mobilization of the army, etc., in his care, and these thus came into the possession of Mma, even Semens, who at first declined to surrender them. Matters were further complicated by the fact that the German embassy when appealed to by the autorities, declined to interfere, on the ground that the lady was not a German, since she was by birth a Swiss, by hor first marriage a Russian, and by her second a Persian. The Russian ombassy was reluctant to take any steps in the matter, on the ground that since Malcolm Khan had not compiled with the terms on which alone the German courts had consented the decuments in question to the Italian sovernment, on her own terms, which left her free to remain in Italy, and to continue her relations with Italian military men.

it is difficult to believe that while

Daily Queries and Answers

Dispatch. No mathematical problems will be solved, no coins or stamps valued and no dealers' names will be given. Requested Poems.

Reader, Glen Allen, Va.: The three poems you request are far too long for insertion in our column. We cannot reprint poems under any circumstances.

Is the longer, the Cherapeake and Delaware Canal or the Dismail Swamp Canal.

ANXIOUS INQUIRER.

The latter, with a length of twenty-two miles, eight more than the former,

Automobilists and Highways.

I wish to know whether or not a party of automobilists has any right to open a national highway through the country without first gaining the consent of the people of the counties through which they pass. Have not the people a right to first vote on the question before any 'mobile route can be established through any county? Cannot the supervisors object to autos using the public roads of any county, and a laready opened and known as a public road, no one can prevent their passage. The county can prescribe such regulations for the passage of automobiles as will conform to State law, but cannot otherwise interfere with them. Automobilists cannot, of course, open a road through private grounds of the State.

The Markett Mon.

Newspapers in Maryland and N. C.

To settle a controversy, please tel
me whether Maryland or North Carolina has more newspapers. M. B. M.
North Carolina has 255 and Maryland 181.

Commencement at V. P. I.

When did commencement day fall
last session at V. P. I.?

June 16.

Nat C. Goodwin.
Please tell me how old is Nat Good-STACE. win. Fifty-two years.

The Longer Canul.
To settle a bet, please state which

she had possession of the confidential papers of the late General Saletta, she did not master their contents nefure surrendering them to the Italian government, and as the power which they want in the content of the sale of the content is Austria.

### STATE PRESS

three brothers.

Werner Siemens married in 1882 a Russian woman of the name of Natalle Gavrilouk, of Odessa. This union was dissolved by divorce in 1894, and in the same year the ex-Mme. von Siemens became the wife of Baron Axel von Varnbuler, plenipotentiary of the King of Wurtemberg at Berlin.

Werner Siemens also lost no time in marrying again, bestowing his name and his hand upon Nora Fussii.

In his death his widow married frequency of Nazen Malcolm Khan, who was at the time Persian minister at Rome, and a son of Nazen Malcolm Khan, who headed the first Persian embassy to the United States—during the previdency of Buchanae—and who was for so many years Persian embassy to the United States—during the previdency of Buchanae—and who was for so many years Persian embassy to the United States—during the previdency of Buchanae—and who was for so many years Persian embassy to the United States—during the previdency of Buchanae—and who was for so many years Persian embassy to the United States—during the previdency of Buchanae—and who was for so many years Persian embassy to the United States—during the previdency of Buchanae—and who was for so many years Persian embassy to the Widowed Mme. Von Siemens was annulled after two or three years, on the ground that he had already a Persian wife living, preserving, washing of the few remaining of the few remaini

Legal Protection of Forests. Legal Protection of Forests.

The law should be most strict in its penalty on the miscreant who will carelessly, and sometimes even wilfully, set fire to our timber lands and mountain sides. It does seem that the annual recurrence of forest fires could be prevented, and it is time that stringent action should be taken by the proper authority to prevent the accumulating loss and disaster that continues from this cause. Our timber is being too rapidly depleted by the woodman's axe, and when to this is added the ravage of fire every year the destruction is criminal and the generation at hand as well as to come must suffer.—Southwest Times.

Troubles in Peanut Market. If farmers cannot realize better prices under such conditions they had better stop cultivating peanuts and turn their attention to something which will bring them

larger returns.

But there seems to be enough farmers willing to sell, or who have to ball to meet their obligations, to supply the present needs of the factories, and so long as the cleaners can buy at the price now offered they are not apt to advance values. Some farmers are, however, holding for better prices, those who can do so, and very likely will get the advances though cleaners say that prices will not be enhanced. Those who held last year gained nothing; in fact, lost by laying out of the use of their money, if they did

Immigration Hefore 1870.

What was the record year for immigration prior to 1870?

M. L. B.

1854, with 427.838 immigrants. This large number was due to the famine of 1853-54 in Ireland.

Piracy on High Sens.

In a debate in our school on Friday one of the speakers maintained that the Federal government had the right to punish any one guilty of piracy off the coast of Virginia. I denied this and said that such an offense would be tried before the State courts. Who was right?

Your opponent; for the Constitution provides that piracy or felonies committed on the high seas shall be tried in Federal courts.

Largest Indian Population.

What State in the Union has more Indians than any other, outside of Indian Territory?

Arizona, with 28,852 Indians.

Anarchistic Literature and the Malis.

Has the government the right to prohibit the use of the mails to anarchistic literature? X. Y. Z.

Yes: Mr. Roosevelt availed himself
of this right in 1908, by excluding "La
Questione Sociale" from the mails,
Congress upheld his action and passed
a law making such an order legal for
the future.

Thanksgiving Day?
When will Thanksgiving Day fall this year?
No proclamation has yet been issued, but the day will doubtless be November.

25, the last Thursday in November.

FARMERS' WIVES.

"Atrocities" of Rural Life Luridly Paint-ed in Magazines,

Without doubt there are those in

of the Delineator, somebody thus describes the wife of a prosperous Texas

the cows, fed the horses, husked the corn for sixteen hogs, raised chickens, geese and turkeys, kept three boarders and even cut wood frequently. In the spring they each hoed from one to three acres of cotton per day, according to age and strength. In the fall they each picked from 200 to 500 pounds of cotton daily, besides the sewing, quilting, preserving, washing and other tasks. They knew nothing

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